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SUBJECT : GUINEA-US - INCONCLUSIVE CONVERSATION WITH
PRIME MINISTER ON PATRICIA MORLEY LETTER; SEKOU
TOURE'S USE OF PLOTS

REF: CONAKRY 1363, CONAKRY 1378

1. SUMMARY: CHARGE ACCOMPANIED BY PAO HAD INCONCLUSIVE MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ON SEPTEMBER 1, TO DISCUSS THE ALLEGED LETTER FROM THE "AMERICAN SPY" PATRICIA MORLEY. WHILE SOME OF THE BASIC REASONS IMPELLING PRES TOURE TO MAKE CONTINUED USE OF PLOT SCARES CAN BE UNDERSTOOD, THE REASONS FOR HIS CHOOSING THIS PARTICULAR TIME TO RELEASE HIS LATEST CHARGES ARE NOT READILY APPARENT. END SUMMARY.

2. WHEN PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE POSTPONED THE FOURTH OF A SERIES OF MEETINGS DEALING WITH CURRENT PLOTS AGAINST GUINEA (CONAKRY 1378), PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI GAVE THE CHARGE AN APPOINTMENT ON SEPT 1 TO DISCUSS THE PATRICIA MORLEY LETTER. THE CHARGE ACCOMPANIED BY THE PAO WAS RECEIVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE TELLI DIALLO, AND THE CONFIDENTIAL

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DIRECTEUR DE CABINET AT BEAVOGUI'S OFFICE.

3. AFTER LISTENING TO THE CHARGE'S EXPOSE OF THE POINTS MENTIONED IN PARA 3 OF CONAKRY 1363 BEAVOGUI PROMISED TO SEE

IF HE COULD PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH A PHOTO COPY OF THE MORLEY LETTER AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS USED BY MORLEY. THIS DONE THE PRIME MINISTER LAUNCHED INTO THE SAME SORT OF EMOTIONAL ATTACK ON OUR LOGICAL TECHNICAL APPROACH OF IDENTIFYING FORGERIES AS PRESIDENT TOURE GAVE TO THE AMBASSADOR AND DR. CROWN IN OCTOBER 1972. THE GUINEANS, HE SAID, HAVE THE LETTER, THEY KNOW THAT MS. MORLEY, A 49-50 YEAR OLD AMERICAN WOMAN, WAS IN GUINEA ON 4 OR 5 OCCASIONS WITH AN AMERICAN PASSPORT AND A GUINEAN VISA ISSUED AT DAKAR (LAST VISIT APRIL-MAY 1973.) MOREOVER, "SOMEONE NAMED BANGOURA FROM YOUR EMBASSY MET HER AT THE AIRPORT AND SHE LATER WENT TO YOUR EMBASSY." (BANGOURA IS THE EMBASSY CUSTOMS EXPEDITER AND WAS TELLI DIALLO'S CHAUFFEUR IN NEW YORK). THE PRIME MINISTER THEN ASKED RHETORICALLY WHAT EXPERT INTERPRETATIONS OF FLOURISHES, CURLICUES, AND SIGNATURES CAN MEAN AGAINST SUCH EVIDENCE. "YOU AND THE SOVIETS (SIC)," HE SAID, "TAKE THE SAME APPROACH TO THESE MATTERS." (IN AN INTERESTING DIGRESSION BEAVOGUI ACCUSED THE SOVIETS OF TRYING TO "STRANGLE" CONAKRY BY SENDING FISH CAUGHT OFF GUINEA BY A SOVIET SHIP BASED IN CONAKRY AND DESTINED FOR GUINEANS TO ACCRA TO SUPPORT A REGIME THAT OVERTHREW THE SOCIALIST DR. NKRUMAH.) HE ALSO MENTIONED LIBERIAN EFFORTS TO TELL THE GUINEANS ABOUT THE TECHNIQUES OF DETERMINING FORGERIES. (THE LIBERIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE WAS IN CONAKRY ON THAT DAY.) THE CHARGE HONESTLY DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ASSISTANCE THE EMBASSY'S CUSTOMS EXPEDITER MIGHT HAVE GIVEN TO MS. MORLEY OR OF ANY VISIT BY HER TO THE EMBASSY AND ASSURED THE PRIME MINISTER THAT IF SUCH HELP WAS PROVIDED IT WAS NOT ON THE ORDERS OF ANY EMBASSY OFFICER. SIMILARLY IF MS. MORLEY HAD VISITED THE EMBASSY SHE DID NOT TALK WITH ANY AMERICAN OFFICER. (A CHECK OF WORK ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN TO THE CUSTOMS EXPEDITER AND OF THE EMBASSY LOG OF VISITORS DOES NOT SHOW ANYTHING RESEMBLING THIS NAME.)

4. IN AN ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH SOME POINT OF CONTACT, THE CHARGE REITERATED US INTEREST IN GUINEAN EVIDENCE OF MORLEY'S ACTIVITIES ON THE GROUND THAT IF A US CITIZEN DID WHAT
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MORLEY SAID SHE DID IN THE ALLEGED LETTER THESE ACTIVITIES COULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT ISSUE PASSPORTS TO PEOPLE TO GO ABROAD AND PLOT THE ASSASSINATION OF FOREIGN LEADERS AND DAMAGE OUR GOOD RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN STATES. SUCH ACTIVITIES COULD BE PUNISHABLE BY LAW. BEAVOGUI IN REPLY RETURNED TO THE ATTACK AND CLAIMED THAT GUINEA DEALS HONESTLY AND SINCERELY WITH OTHER STATES AND DESPITE "OUR GOOD, APPARENTLY, RELATIONS" EVERY TIME PRESIDENT TOURE GIVES THE US ADVANCE WARNING OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS "BEFORE THE 1970 INVASION" THE US LIKE THE SOVIETS COMES BACK WITH TECHNICAL ANALYSES. ALTHOUGH BEAVOGUI'S TONE AND ATTITUDE WERE FRIENDLY THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION THE ONLY TIME IT GOT ON

COMMON GROUND WAS WHEN BOTH SIDES DEPLORED SUCH ACTIVITIES AND WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT GUINEA HAD MADE NO RPT NO ACCUSATIONS OF INVOLVEMENT BY THE US GOVERNMENT.

5. COMMENT: THE USE OF INVOLVED PLOT SCENARIOS BASED ON PLAUSIBLE EVIDENCE OR ON RAW INTELLIGENCE REPORTS IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE TOURE REGIME. IT IS ALMOST INHERENT GIVEN THE PERSONALIZED ABSOLUTIST NATURE OF THE REGIME, THE CHARACTER OF TOURE AND HIS MARXIST IDEOLOGY. THE ONLY WAY ANY GUINEAN CAN BRING ABOUT FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN THE REGIME IS BY OVERTHROWING TOURE. THE PRESIDENT KNOWS HIS LEADING GUINEAN OPPONENTS OUTSIDE GUINEA AND MORE COVERTLY WITHIN GUINEA ARE WORKING TO OVERTHROW HIM. HENCE HE HAS GOOD REASON TO BE SUSPICIOUS AND CAUTIOUS. PART OF TOURE'S MYTH IS THAT HIS REGIME RESTS ON THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE AND THE ONLY WAY HE CAN EXPLAIN THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH AN OPPOSITION IS BY STIGMATIZING IT AS RENEGADES IN THE PAY OF FOREIGNERS OPPOSED TO TOURE'S IDEOLOGICAL OPTION WHICH HAS BROUGHT DIGNITY AND INDEPENDENCE TO THE GUINEANS. FURTHER, THE PLOT SCARES ARE USEFUL BECAUSE THEY ARE ONE OF THE MOST DRAMATIC WAYS TOURE CAN FIND TO MOBILIZE HIS PEOPLE NOW GIVEN HIS CONTINUED INABILITY TO MOBILIZE HIS COUNTRY'S HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF LIVING. PLOT SCARES ALSO SANCTION AN INCREASE IN REPRESSION AGAINST ALL OPPOSITION, ACTUAL, INCIPIENT, AND IMAGINARY AND SERVE TO INHIBIT THEIR ACTIVITIES.

6. ON THE PERSONAL SIDE TOURE'S REAL WORLD IS AN INNER WORLD AND HENCE HIS APPROACH IS NOT TO OBSERVE, CLASSIFY AND CONFIDENTIAL

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EVALUATE IN AN OBJECTIVE SCIENTIFIC MANNER. TRUTH IS JUDGED NOT BY EXTERNAL OBJECTIVE STANDARDS BUT BY SUBJECTIVE INTERNAL CRITERIA. THE BELIEF IN THE CONSTANT SUBVERSION OF THE REVOLUTIONARY REGIME WHICH IS A PERMANENT PART OF TOURE'S IDEOLOGY SANCTIONS THIS APPROACH.

7. IT IS MORE DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE TOURE'S TIMING FOR ACTING OUT ANY PARTICULAR SCENARIO. SOME OF THE LETTERS PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS AND ON THE RADIO MOST RECENTLY SOUND LIKE THEY COULD HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY ANTI-TOURE ELEMENTS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, I.E., THE CLAIM OF SOME OF THE AUTHORS THAT FOREIGN INVESTORS IN GUINEA SUPPORT THE TOURE REGIME AND ONE ASSERTION THAT THE AMERICANS HAVE "TAKEN OVER" ECONOMICALLY AND THERE IS NOTHING LEFT FOR FRANCE. IT MAY BE THAT THIS PLOT SCARE GIVES HIM AN EXCUSE NOT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY TO GO TO THE ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. AT THE SAME TIME HE DOES NOT WANT TO GO BECAUSE HE GENUINELY FEARS HE MAY BE REPLACED WHILE HE IS GONE. (ONE WELL INFORMED AFRICAN DIPLOMAT TOLD THE CHARGE THAT THE ALGERIANS TRIED TO OVERCOME THIS FEAR BY PROMISING TO "INTERVENE" IF THAT SHOULD HAPPEN.) RIGHT NOW TOURE IS ALSO FURIOUS OVER THE NUMBER OF DEFECTING STUDENTS AND OVER THE FLIGHT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT

RECORD COMPANY (WHO IS ALSO PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUT'S BROTHER-
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